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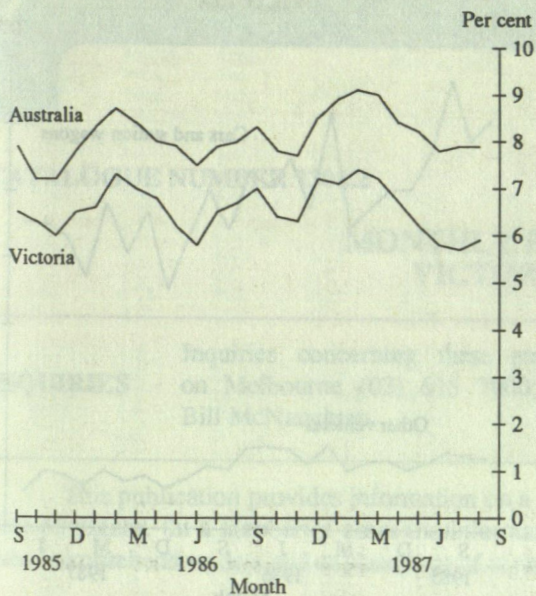
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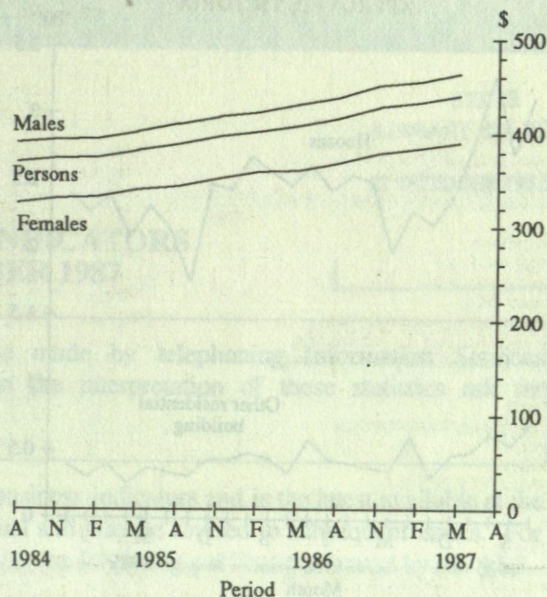
Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year per cent	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year Aust. per cent
				One period	Two periods	Three periods				
LABOUR FORCE (a)										
Employed persons - full-time	'000	Aug 87	1,550.5	1,574.3	1,550.3	1,548.2	1,502.0	3.2	5,656.2	1.3
- total	'000	Aug 87	1,931.1	1,945.5	1,928.7	1,928.9	1,833.7	5.3	7,073.1	2.7
Unemployed persons looking for work - full-time	'000	Aug 87	92.4	93.1	94.6	103.5	105.1	-12.1	495.4	1.0
- total	'000	Aug 87	122.0	118.4	118.4	128.3	132.7	-8.1	601.9	1.1
Labour force	'000	Aug 87	2,053.2	2,063.9	2,047.1	2,057.3	1,966.3	4.4	7,675.0	2.6
Participation rate	per cent	Aug 87	62.5	62.9	62.5	62.9	61.0	2.5	61.4	0.3
Unemployment rate	per cent	Aug 87	5.9	5.7	5.8	6.2	6.7	-11.9	7.8	-2.5
Job vacancies	'000	May 87	17.6	18.0	12.8	12.9	16.8	4.8	53.8	-1.1
Overtime worked per employee	hours	May 87	1.41	1.38	1.40	1.22	1.41	0.0	1.23	0.0
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS										
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	\$	May 87	440.00	432.50	427.70	415.60	407.20	8.1	436.50	6.7
Males	\$	May 87	463.60	454.60	450.30	437.50	429.70	7.9	461.70	6.7
Females	\$	May 87	390.50	384.10	378.30	368.30	359.80	8.5	383.00	7.5
All employees total earnings	\$	May 87	394.20	391.70	388.50	374.80	374.80	5.2	387.80	5.8
Males	\$	May 87	451.10	447.80	446.70	429.50	425.70	6.0	451.70	6.2
Females	\$	May 87	311.90	307.90	301.00	294.50	297.10	5.0	299.00	7.5
CONSUMER PRICES (b)										
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) -										
Food	index	Jun qr 87	160.5	160.2	158.9	156.1	152.0	5.6	157.9	5.7
Clothing	index	Jun qr 87	157.3	151.8	151.3	145.9	144.6	8.8	157.8	8.5
Housing	index	Jun qr 87	180.1	176.9	173.9	171.3	168.6	6.8	169.4	7.4
Household equipment & operation	index	Jun qr 87	166.7	163.0	161.3	156.8	153.7	8.5	165.6	7.3
Transportation	index	Jun qr 87	171.0	169.9	164.5	156.8	149.6	14.3	178.4	14.1
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Jun qr 87	184.8	181.2	176.8	171.8	168.1	9.9	189.7	10.9
Health & personal care	index	Jun qr 87	172.8	168.5	164.1	151.4	147.4	17.2	162.0	16.0
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index	Jun qr 87	149.1	146.8	142.1	139.8	136.8	9.0	146.0	9.4
All groups	index	Jun qr 87	168.6	166.0	162.9	158.2	154.2	9.3	167.2	9.3
RETAIL SALES (excl motor vehicles, etc.)										
PRODUCTION	\$m	Jun 87	1,219.6	1,289.9	1,261.3	1,229.8	1,110.2	9.9	4,605.9	9.7
Manufacturing -										
Clay bricks	million	Jun 87	41	38	37	44	37	10.8	170	4.9
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Jun 87	278	288	277	296	258	7.8	1,127	-3.4
Plastics & synthetic resins (c)	tonnes	Jun 87	36,789	39,535	36,315	33,608	47,277	-22.2	48,969	-11.6
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Jun 87	2,872	3,156	2,615	2,954	2,791	2.9	3,429	2.9
Cars & station wagons	'000	Jun 87	15.4	18.9	15.3	14.9	17.4	-11.5	25.3	-13.7
Yarns - Cotton	tonnes	Jun 87	993	967	998	983	849	17.0	1,939	13.9
- Wool	tonnes	Jun 87	1,473	1,478	1,357	1,459	1,329	10.8	2,105	12.0
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m	Jun 87	1,420	1,698	1,886	1,644	1,839	-22.8	3,339	0.1
- Woollen	'000 sq.m	Jun 87	342	350	369	328	322	6.2	891	-6.5
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m	Jun 87	8,068	7,097	6,473	7,400	7,217	11.8	16,288	8.3
Electricity	million kWh	Jun 87	3,005	2,896	2,690	2,617	2,598	15.7	11,812	5.0
OVERSEAS TRADE										
Imports	\$m	Jun 87	1,161.1	1,066.7	1,084.5	1,081.4	986.4	17.7	3,269.3	19.5
Exports (excl re-exports)	\$m	Jun 87	672.7	738.4	677.1	694.2	450.1	49.5	3,249.6	28.1
BUILDING										
Approvals -										
New houses	No.	Jul 87	2,399	2,269	2,380	2,087	2,633	-8.9	8,827	1.7
New other residential building	No.	Jul 87	392	306	396	255	600	-34.7	2,356	-23.9
Value of all building	\$m	Jul 87	402.5	396.9	423.4	416.6	404.9	-0.6	1,603.6	21.4
Commencements -										
New houses	No.	Mar qr 87	6,700	7,310	6,860	6,750	6,930	-3.3	20,830	-10.7
Value of new houses	\$m	Mar qr 87	453.2	473.1	445.4	426.6	424.8	6.7	1,293.4	-2.6
New other residential building	No.	Mar qr 87	1,100	1,236	1,360	1,150	1,385	-20.6	6,190	-13.8
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Mar qr 87	52.9	58.6	58.2	47.9	56.6	-6.5	271.2	-18.5
Value of non-residential building	\$m	Mar qr 87	554.4	378.1	880.2	429.0	496.5	11.7	2,039.1	0.4
Value of all building	\$m	Mar qr 87	1,149.8	1,008.2	1,469.2	990.5	1,053.0	9.2	3,857.0	4.4
Work done in period	\$m	Mar qr 87	1,136.5	1,180.9	1,212.8	1,173.3	980.1	16.0	4,084.4	7.7
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (d)										
House building (1985-86=100)	index	Jun 87	108.5	108.1	108.1	106.3	102.2	6.2	108.6	6.2
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	Jun 87	183.3	182.0	181.6	180.5	170.8	7.3	186.9	7.7
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS										
Cars & station wagons	No.	Jul 87	11,078	10,713	10,235	8,726	12,603	-12.1	40,335	-17.3
Other motor vehicles (excl motor cycles)	No.	Jul 87	9,092	9,013	8,669	7,448	10,146	-10.4	32,608	-11.8
Motor cycles	No.	Jul 87	1,086	1,700	1,566	1,278	2,457	-55.8	7,727	-34.7
	No.	Jul 87	347	262	362	324	453	-23.4	1,499	-32.9
BANKS										
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Jul 87	20,082	19,620	18,923	18,616	17,023	18.0	53,640	23.6
Major trading -										
Current deposits	\$m	Jul 87	4,980	4,956	5,027	4,887	4,264	16.8	16,765	14.1
Fixed deposits	\$m	Jul 87	7,968	8,045	8,094	8,203	8,408	-5.2	29,838	0.9
Advances	\$m	Jul 87	13,826	14,005	13,954	14,023	12,310	12.3	45,380	8.5
Debits to customers' accounts (e)	\$m	Jul 87	31,024	30,715	29,771	27,509	26,135	18.7	145,922	32.6
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION										
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m	Jun 87	357.8	358.0	360.9	370.7	288.7	23.9	1,159.7	22.5
Savings banks	\$m	Jun 87	296.2	301.2	305.4	313.8	238.9	24.0	788.6	24.6
Trading banks	\$m	Jun 87	21.5	19.0	18.8	19.7	20.5	4.9	100.9	5.2
Permanent building societies	\$m	Jun 87	25.3	21.9	17.8	20.8	12.3	105.7	198.3	53.2
Other lenders	\$m	Jun 87	14.9	15.9	18.9	16.4	16.9	-11.8	71.9	-18.4
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (f)										
Manufacturing	\$m	Mar qr 87	1,241	1,678	1,582	1,431	1,058	17.3	4,830	12.2
Finance	\$m	Mar qr 87	447	612	599	530	383	16.7	1,276	17.7
New building and structures	\$m	Mar qr 87	492	633	629	565	425	15.8	1,771	11.9
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Mar qr 87	295	387	431	378	205	43.9	1,562	23.5
	\$m	Mar qr 87	945	1,291	1,151	1,054	853	10.8	3,268	7.6

(a) Labour force figures from January 1985 have been adjusted to allow comparison with published data from April 1986. (b) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (c) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendaring only. (d) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (e) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (f) By private enterprises.

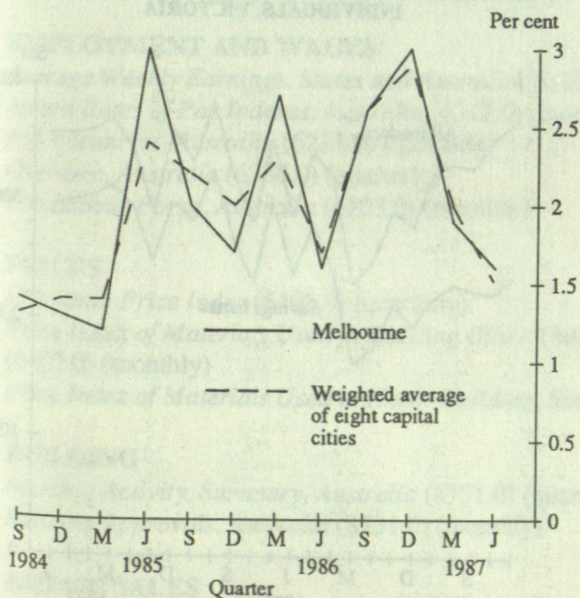
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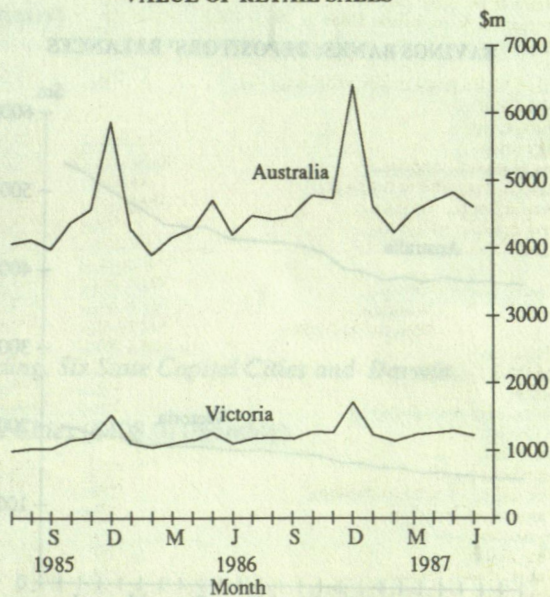
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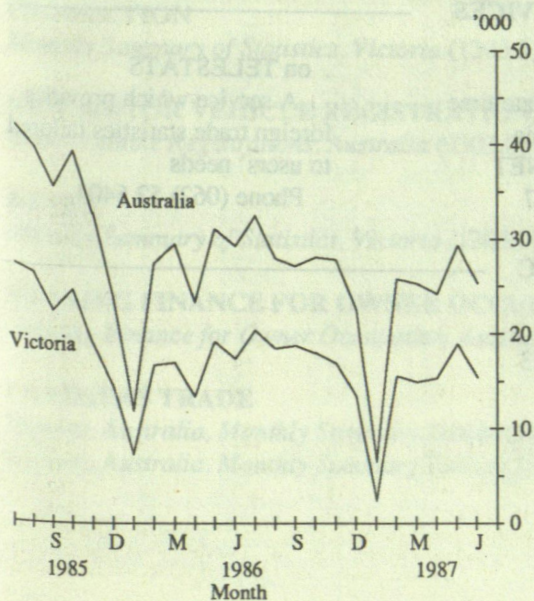
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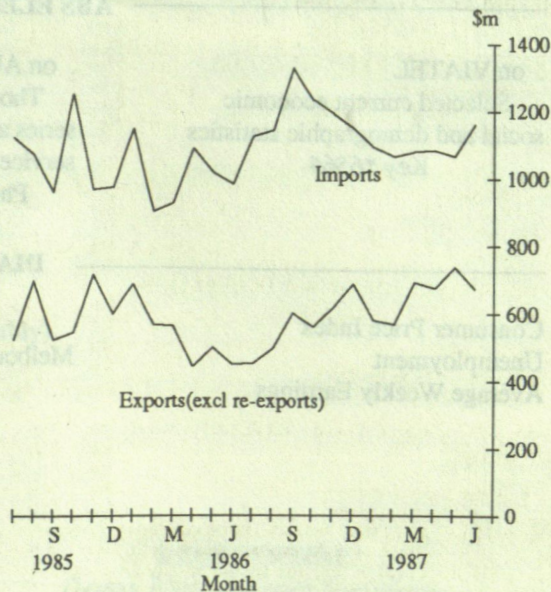
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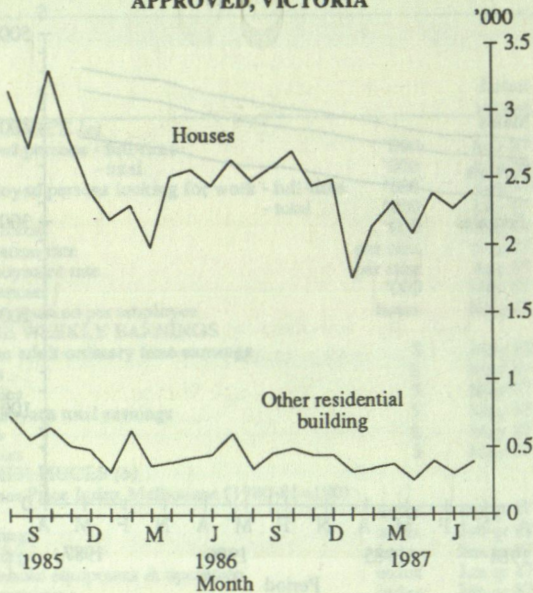
PRODUCTION OF CARS AND STATION WAGONS



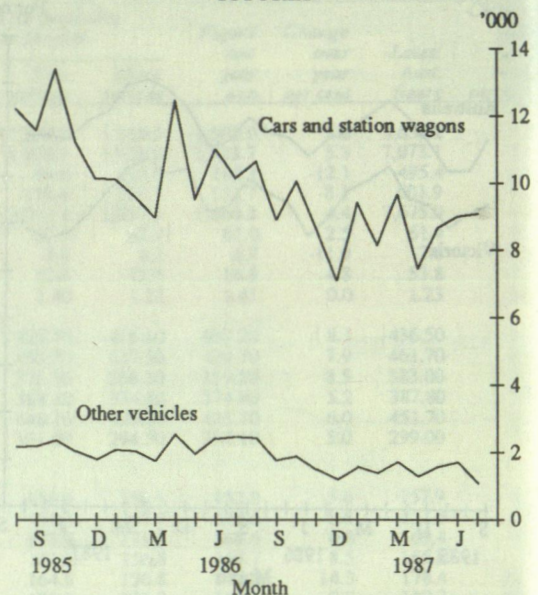
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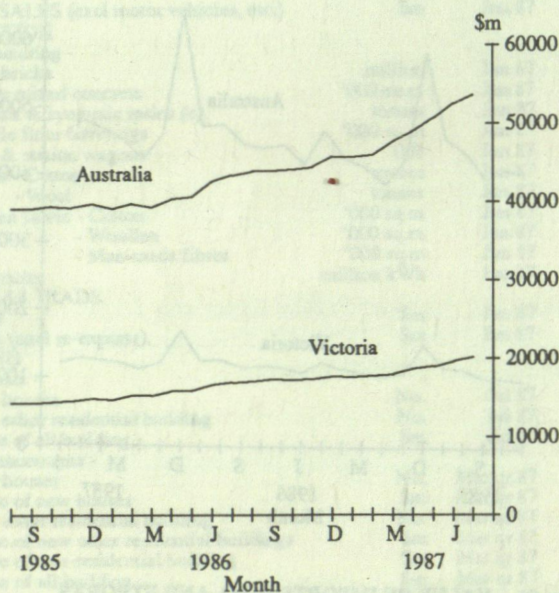
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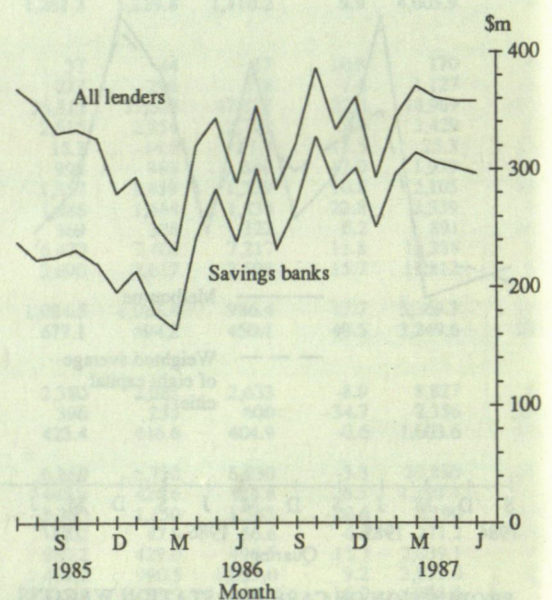
**NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED,
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SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES



**SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO
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